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SUBJECT: SEAN MCBRIDE ON US POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. SEAN MCBRIDE, ASST SECY GEN OF UN AND COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, CALLED AT EMBASSY JULY 29 TO FILL US IN ON COUNCIL'S LUSAKA MEETING AND PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT IN LUSAKA OF INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA (POUCHING MEMCON). MCBRIDE USED OCCASION TO ADVANCE FRIENDLY CRITICISM OF US-AFRICA POLICY AND TO DROP HINT HE PLANS SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH SECY AND ASST SECY AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON SECOND WEEK IN AUGUST. HE DEPARTING LUSAKA THIS WEEK FOR TOKYO TO JOIN SYG WALDHEIM FOR ANNIVERSARY OF HIROSHIMA BOMBING.

2. MCBRIDE SAID HE FELT USG NEEDED TO GIVE MORE DIRECT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION GROUPS, ALSO TO RAISE ITS LEVEL OF AWARENESS ON POTENTIAL THREAT TO WORLD PEACE GENERATED BY INCREASING FLOW OF ARMS INTO SOUTHERN AFRICA THROUGH COMPETITIVE RACE BETWEEN RUSSIANS AND CHINESE FOR BASES ON ATLANTIC AND INDIAN OCEAN SEABOARDS.

3. WHEN AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED AND DEFENDED US POLICY IN
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SOUTHERN AFRICA (STRESSING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS

OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND STRICT ARMS EMBARGO), MCBRIDE ADMITTED THAT STATE'S POSITION HAD BEEN GENERALLY GOOD, BUT HE THOUGHT OVERALL US POLICY POSTURE "OFF BALANCE" IN ACCOMMODATING POSITION OF DEFENSE. SAID HE DISCUSSED THIS WITH DEFENSE ASST SECY DON ELLSWORTH, WHO NOW TAKING A NEW LOOK AT PROBLEM. MCBRIDE HOPED TO PRESENT SECY AND ASST SECY WITH HIS LATEST ASSESSMENT BASED ON HIS DISCUSSIONS IN LUSAKA AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA WHICH TEND TO CLOUD ENTIRE OUTLOOK FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. MCBRIDE MENTIONED IN PASSING US-UK-FRENCH VETO OF NAIMBIAN RESOLUTION LAST JUNE BUT DID NOT DWELL ON IT.

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